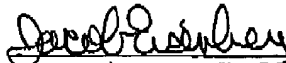


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Examiner: Eric S. Keasel

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Connection Piece and a Housing Therefor

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RESPONSE TO DETAILED ACTION ELECTION/RESTRICTION**AUG 30 2004**

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Sir:

In response to the official action mailed July 28, 2004, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above application.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy he extended during a telephone interview on August 30, 2004. It is understood from the Examiner and his e-mail that the classification to which group I is restricted is class 137, subclass 15.25 rather than 12.25, a typographical error in the Office Action.

Applicant provisionally elects Group I B with traverse. Group II includes five claims directed to a housing related to the method of Group I. The five claims are not believed to pose an additional burden of examination upon the Examiner already

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examining the elected claims. In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that the restriction requirement be reconsidered and withdrawn. Upon allowance of claim 1, Applicant requests that the remaining claims be rejoined.

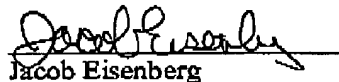
The Examiner indicated in paragraph 6 of the Office Action that a certification from Applicant that the international application, from which the instant application is a continuation, is pending and the United States designated. Applicant notes that the executed declaration submitted with the filing of the instant application includes such a certification on page 2. Applicant requests that the Examiner indicate what other information, in addition to that provided in the declaration, Applicant should provide.

The Examiner's suggestions in paragraph 7 of the Office Action are noted with appreciation. Applicant encloses herewith a preliminary amendment amending the Brief Description of the Drawings and a typographical error in the claims. The Examiner notes that certain claims appear to be substantial duplicates. Applicant respectfully disagrees and request that at least all of the elected claims be prosecuted on their merits.

The restricted claims have been elected with traverse. Applicant respectfully requests an early action on the merits. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding official action. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

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